

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.60
Historic Name:	Walker, Benjamin House
Common Name:	
Address:	665 Bridge Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	19-095
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Federal
Use(s):	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	EAS.J: Bridge - Dyer Prince Roads Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
Number

19/095

USGS Quad

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Area(s)

Form Number

60

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

665 Bridge Road

ic Name

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction 1798

See Bibliography*

Form Federal

ect/Builder

or Material:

Foundation Brick and Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Garage

Major Alterations (with dates)
Rear ell (20th C.)

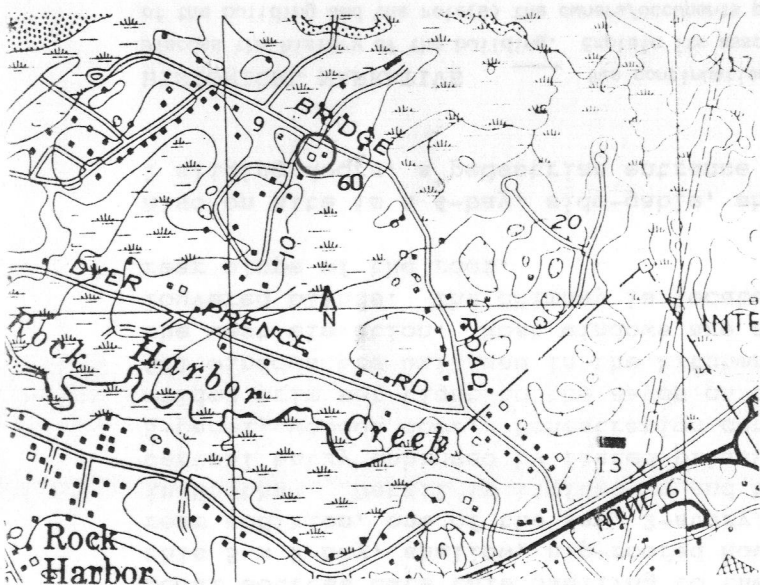
Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .92 Acres

Setting Located at the corner of
Windjammer Lane and Bridge Road in a
moderately-settled, rural area.

here. Indicate North.



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BUILDING FORM

665 Bridge Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Local sources date this dwelling to the turn of the nineteenth century making this 5 x 2-bay, shallow, hip-roofed house with a modern, 1-story, hip-roofed, rear addition, one of the few, 2-story, fully-executed Federal residences in Eastham. Detail is limited to end boards, boxed, molded cornice and a central entry enhanced by fluted pilasters and 5-light transom surmounting a 5-panel, wooden door. Fenestration consists of 6/1, double-hung sash with molded trim set tight to the eaves on the second story. Smaller, paired, 6/1 windows are utilized in the kitchen ell and a paired window exists on the west elevation. Most windows are sided by appropriately sized, louvered blinds. The chimney is located just off the ridge line on the rear slope of the roof.

Also on site is a 4-bay, side-gable, shingled garage with end boards, 2 sliding doors, a pedestrian entrance with a board and baton door.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The Rogers map of 1795 and the Hales map of 1831 indicate Bridge Road was laid out during the Federal Period. The reconnaissance report of the Massachusetts Historical Commission describes the road as a local loop off King's Highway. A meetinghouse was built in the area by 1720 and a school was built in 1762. By 1831, there were salt works, several residences and a shallow canal from the Boat Meadow River to Town Cove near the southern end of Bridge Road. The road was extended north in 1837 when a bridge was constructed over the Boat Meadow River and according a name to the route. Agriculture played an important role in the development of Eastham from the Colonial Period through the Early Modern Period.

The house at 665 Bridge Road was built around 1798 and is known as the Benjamin Walker House. Walker owned a saltworks in Eastham prior to the Civil War. He died in 1864 and left the house to his wife, Adeline B. Walker, who continued to appear as the owner of the house on both the 1858 and 1880 Eastham maps. Laura E. Harding bought the property from the heirs of Benjamin Walker in 1882 and later married Absalom Walker who is listed as a farmer in the 1901 directory. A. Walker's name appears on the 1908 map of Eastham. He died in 1919 and the property transferred to Thomas Nickerson. In 1920, Roy D. Nickerson bought the house and occupied it until his death in 1926. His wife, Adeline Nickerson survived him and inherited the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

*House File, 655 Bridge Road, Eastham Historical Society Archives.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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